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In re Application of  
Portugal, et al.  
Application No. 09/027,439  
Filed: February 20, 1998  
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**OFFICE OF PETITIONS**  
**DECISION ON PETITION**

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed June 12, 2002, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

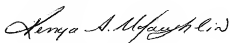
The above-cited application became abandoned for failure to reply in a timely manner to the non-final Office action mailed September 13, 2001, which set a shortened statutory period for reply of three (3) months. No extension of time pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) was obtained. Accordingly, the application became abandoned on December 14, 2001. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed on April 5, 2002.

There is no indication that the person signing the instant petition was ever given a power of attorney or authorization of agent to prosecute the above-identified application. If the person signing the instant petition desires to receive future correspondence regarding this application, the appropriate power of attorney or authorization of agent must be submitted. While a courtesy copy of this decision is being mailed to the person signing the instant petition, all future correspondence will be directed to the address of currently of record until such time as appropriate instructions are received to the contrary.

The address as cited on the instant petition differs from the address of record. Although a courtesy copy of this decision is being mailed to the address as cited on the petition, please note that all future correspondence will be mailed solely to the address of record until appropriate written instructions to the contrary are received.

The application is being forwarded to Technology Center 1600 for review of the amendment filed on June 12, 2002.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned, at (703) 305-0010.



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